

Amendments to the Specification

Please replace the paragraph beginning on page 3, line 3 with the following:

FIGURE 3 is an illustration of an embodiment of the present invention of a directory structure for a sparsely ~~filed~~ filled data container.

Please replace the paragraph beginning on page 6, line 28 with the following:

Figure 3 illustrates an embodiment 300 of the present invention of a directory structure for a sparsely ~~filed~~ filled data container. A top level map 302 may have several entries 304 that refer to the various bottom level maps 306 and 308. The bottom level map 306 may be constructed with links 312 to other entries as a linked list, doubly linked list, skip list, or other linked list data structure. Similarly, the top level map 302 may comprise links 314 and may be constructed in a form of a linked list data structure.